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IN RE APPLICATION OF:

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AMENDMENT

HONORABLE COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS & TRADEMARKS WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Responsive to the Official Action of October 19, 1993,

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration in view of the following amendment and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claim 1.

Claim 2, line 1, delete "1" and insert --5--;

line 3, delete "tapping";

line 8, delete "quality" and insert --purity--.

Please add new Claim 5 as follows:

--5. A copper smelting process comprising the steps of:

providing a matte-producing means, a converting furnace, a plurality of anode furnaces and blister copper launder means for connecting said converting furnace and said anode furnaces